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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION TO DAKAR OIC SUMMIT

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[¶](#)1. On March 10, DCM spoke with Sierra Leone Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Umaru Wurie to inquire about the Sierra Leone delegation to the OIC Summit and note the request for a meeting with Special Envoy Cumber. Ambassador Wurie stated that Sierra Leone would be very interested in such a meeting and noted he would provide contact information. DCM provided DG Wurie the contact information for Ambassador Ross and SE Cumber to facilitate the meeting.

[¶](#)2. The Sierra Leone delegation to the OIC summit will likely be as follows:

President Ernest Bai Koroma
Minister of Presidential Affairs Alpha Kanu
Minister of Foreign Affairs Zainab Bangura
SL Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Amadu Tejan-Sier
SL Ambassador to the Gambia and Senegal
Presidential Protocol Assistant, Mr. Byron Gilpin

[¶](#)3. Ambassador Wurie noted that the OIC had been helpful to Sierra Leone, and offered the example of their assistance in setting up a trust fund for reconstruction, working with the Ministry of Development. The OIC also fielded a small observer delegation to Sierra Leone's national elections in [¶](#)2007.

[¶](#)4. Post will supply POC information when received.
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